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The public part of the meeting was called to order at 4.20 p.m.

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention (*continued*)

Report on follow-up to concluding observations

1. **Mr. Hani** (Rapporteur for follow-up to concluding observations) said that States parties had in general responded well to the follow-up procedure under article 19. A succinct analysis had been made of 13 States parties that had submitted reports, and some examples of good practice had been noted: Pakistan had sent a note verbale giving prior notice of the late submission of its report; Ecuador had included an annex containing useful information; for Bahrain, the State party and the civil society reports had arrived together and within the time limits. In 18 per cent of cases, the information provided had been very good and satisfactory; in 70 per cent of cases, it had been partially satisfactory; and, in 11 per cent of cases, it had been insufficient. In 40 per cent of cases, the recommendations of the Committee had been partially implemented, with the introduction of concrete measures; in 50 per cent of cases, the recommendations had been partially implemented, with initial measures taken; in 18 per cent, the recommendations had not been followed. In 22 per cent of cases, States parties had submitted implementation reports for all recommendations; in 11 per cent of cases, a partial implementation report; and in 66 per cent of cases, no implementation report had been submitted. Several field visits had been conducted, with the help of some civil society organizations and that of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, to assist States parties with their implementation requirements.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention (*continued*)

Draft follow-up report on decisions relating to communications submitted under article 22 of the Convention (CAT/C/63/3)

2. **Mr. Heller Rouassant** (Rapporteur for follow-up to decisions on complaints) said that, in November and December 2017, follow-up in respect of communications alleging torture had been given in eight cases. Three concerned Morocco, and in each of those cases the decision had been to continue consultations with the State party given that it had failed to supply any new information on steps taken to fulfil the Committee's decisions. Three further cases concerned Switzerland and, of those, two had been satisfactorily resolved and closed. One case concerned Australia, where consultations would continue. A final case concerned Mexico, where, again, consultations would be held with the State party. Article 3 and, in other cases of specific reports of torture and ill-treatment, articles 2, 11, 13 and 15 of the Convention had been cited in the communications. Geneva-based consultations with the representatives of the States parties concerned would continue.

Report on follow-up to reprisals (*continued*)

3. **Ms. Racu** (Rapporteur on reprisals) said that the only communication containing allegations of reprisals since the last session had been communication No. 682/2015 involving Morocco. Communications Nos. 477/2011 and 606/2014, also both concerning Morocco, and communication No. 500/2012 on Mexico, all remained relevant. Following a note verbale sent to the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco, representatives of the State party had agreed to a meeting on 17 May 2018. The rapporteurs would update the Committee following that meeting. With regard to the communication concerning Mexico, the Committee would receive further information from the State party before 14 July 2018. During the period under review, there were no allegations of reprisals under article 20 of the Convention.

The public part of the meeting rose at 4.35 p.m.